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Spy A-Go-Go Keeps Going

ESOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN introduced in Congress proposing a federal fund to finance openly those activities abroad by American students, unionists, etc., that the Central Intelligence Agency used to bankroll on the sly.

Such an effort comes late. It misses the point that the CIA wasn't only interested in "presenting the democratic point of view" overseas; there were knowing agents amid the delegation

And it leaves the CIA scot-free to subvert wherever it chooses, in the same old free-wifeeling style.

Congressmen Reuss is the author of a bill that would get to the heart of the spies a-go-go problem by a simple device. He wants somebody to take responsibility for CIA projects.

Under his measure, the CIA would be required to submit detailed outlines of each scheme to the President, and the President would have to give written approval before anything could be launched.

Reuss wants an enlarged Congressional watchdog committee to oversee the CIA's operations—and besides having power to probe, the membership of the committee would automatically change every four years, to prevent laxity or cosiness from developing.

As another check that would sober the spooks, no CIA records, memoranda, etc., could be destroyed without full explanation to the Congressional committee.

Reuss's bill has been referred to the House Armed Services Committee. Since this body's ranking members belong to the super-select super-patriotic panel that presently pretends to scrutinize the CIA, Reuss has no high hopes for the immediate future. But he has put the idea on record and doesn't intend to abandon it.

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